Common entrance exam

474. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Supreme Court's order of August 14, 2003 demanding a common entrance examination on all India basis for professional programme, has not been implemented as yet and the institutes are still conducting individual examination as they used to earlier;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action Government propose to take against those institutions which have not implemented the orders so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The Supreme Court in its order dated 14th August, 2003 did not specify a single common entrance examination on all India basis for admission to professional programmes.

(b) and (c) Not applicable.

Free primary education

†475. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the regime of NDA Government in pursuance of the constitutional provisions, free primary education to teenagers upto 14 years was enshrined in the list of fundamental rights, and whether it was expected to be implemented across the country by the year 2008;

(b) if so, the present status of the said scheme;

(c) whether the scheme has been discontinued; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.